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(PCN)

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MEDICAID FOR THOSE WHO ARE DISABLED

An informational pamphlet to advise individuals of the difference between PCN and Medicaid for the disabled.

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A Comparison by the



Contact your local Bureau of Eligibility Services or Department of Workforce Services for more information.

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH** 

## UTAH PRIMARY CARE NETWORK O PCN

#### **Services are limited. They include:**

- Primary Care (what your doctor can do for you in his office)
- Pharmacy (limited)
- Emergency room
- No disability or medical need required.

#### No Asset limit

2006 Income limits: 150% of Poverty

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Household size	Income limit
1	1225
2	1650
3	2075
4	2500
5	2925
6	3350

- Annual enrollment fee required before eligibility starts. (\$25-\$50)
- Co-payments required for some services.

#### MEDICAID ASSISTANCE FOR THE DISABLED

- Provides a Medicaid card for individuals who have a medical disability that is expected to result in death or last not less than 12 months.
- Your disability will be evaluated either through the State Medicaid Disability Office (Review Board) or through the Social Security Administration. Both can take up to 90 days for a decision. You must prove a disability with medical evidence.
- Covers specialty care, inpatient hospital
- Asset limit

1 person - \$2000.00 2 people - \$3000.00

- Income limits are a bit different than PCN and you can reduce your countable income to the Medicaid limit by being responsible to pay or "spenddown" for some of your medical care by paying cash or using medical bills.
- Choose a medical provider, such as a Health Maintenance Organization (HMO), or in areas where an HMO is not available, a primary care provider will be assigned.

### ADVANTAGES OF MEDICAID

- If you think you would qualify under the conditions listed for disabled medical, the Medicaid card will cover many more services than the PCN.
- No annual enrollment fee.
- Disabled medical allows you to "Spenddown" the difference between your income and the income limits. You may "Spenddown" by paying cash for the medical card or using medical bills as credit for the cash.
- If you believe you qualify under the Medicaid Program for those with disabilities, discuss this with your worker.

